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Agenda item 43
The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

Argentina, Canada, Chile, France, United States of America and Venezuela: draft resolution

The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti",

Recalling all its relevant resolutions, as well as those adopted on the question by the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights,

Taking note of Security Council resolution 1212 (1998) of 25 November 1998, in which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti until 30 November 1999,

Taking note also of the relevant resolutions adopted on the question by the Organization of American States,

Reaffirming that the goal of the international community remains the full observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the promotion of social and economic development in Haiti,

Paying tribute to the people and authorities of Haiti for their efforts to consolidate democracy, respect for human rights and the rule of law,

Underlining the importance of the role of Haitian authorities in initiating and implementing the process of judicial reform, without which the assistance of the international community will not have the desired impact,

Expressing deep concern at the prolonged political stalemate, which undermines the development and consolidation of democratic institutions in Haiti,

Strongly supporting the continuing leadership of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States in the efforts of the international community to further social, economic and political progress in Haiti,

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Welcoming the continued efforts by States to provide humanitarian assistance and technical cooperation to the people of Haiti,

Supporting fully the contributions of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, its Executive Director and staff and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti in the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the full observance of human rights and the full restoration of the constitutional democracy of Haiti,

Encouraging the continued cooperation between the International Civilian Mission to Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti and others participating in institution-building, including police training activities,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti[1] and the request from the President of the Republic of Haiti to the Secretary-General contained in the annex thereto,

Stressing the importance of continuing to improve the situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti, and noting that the Haitian authorities remain committed to upholding human rights and fundamental freedoms and to improving accountability,

1. *Welcomes* the recommendation of the Secretary-General contained in his report[1] to extend for one year the United Nations component of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, with the tasks of:

(a) Assisting, as a priority, the efforts of the Haitian authorities in the field of institution-building, in particular providing technical assistance and guidance to the components of the judicial system as part of the process of judicial reform;

(b) Supporting the development of a programme for the promotion and protection of human rights in order to further the establishment of a climate of freedom and tolerance propitious to the consolidation of long-term constitutional democracy in Haiti and to contribute to the strengthening of democratic institutions;

(c) Verifying full observance by Haiti of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

2. *Decides* to authorize, on the basis of the above recommendation, the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations component of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti until 31 December 1999, according to the terms of reference and modalities under which the Mission is operating;

3. *Urges* the authorities and political leaders to continue their efforts to find a compromise that will bring an end to the political crisis;

4. *Calls upon* the Haitian authorities to mobilize political will for the pursuit of the reform and strengthening of Haiti's system of justice, including the improvement of the country's prisons;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly two reports on the implementation of the present resolution and, in the case of the first report, to be submitted no later than 15 May 1999, on the ways in which the international community can continue to assist in the tasks set out in paragraph 1 above;

6. *Reaffirms once again* the commitment of the international community to continue its technical, economic and financial cooperation with Haiti in support of its economic and social development efforts in order to strengthen Haitian institutions responsible for

[1] A/53/564.

dispensing justice and guaranteeing democracy, respect for human rights, political stability and economic development;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to coordinate the efforts of the United Nations system in providing humanitarian aid and contributing to the development of Haiti;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti".

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The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

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The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

Addendum

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Haiti, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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Agenda item 18
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Antigua and Barbuda, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Fiji, Grenada, Indonesia, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Saint Lucia, Sierra Leone, Syrian Arab Republic and Trinidad and Tobago: draft resolution

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,[1]

Recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all its subsequent resolutions concerning the implementation of the Declaration, most recently resolution 57/78 of 10 December 1997, as well as the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Recognizing that the eradication of colonialism is one of the priorities of the Organization for the decade that began in 1990,

Deeply conscious of the need to take, speedily, measures to eliminate the last vestiges of colonialism by the year 2000, as called for in its resolution 43/47 of 22 November 1988,

Reiterating its conviction of the need for the elimination of colonialism, as well as of the need for the total eradication of racial discrimination and violations of basic human rights,

[1] A/53/23 (Parts I–IX). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 23*.

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Noting with satisfaction the achievements of the Special Committee in contributing to the effective and complete implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations on decolonization,

Stressing the importance of the participation of the administering Powers in the work of the Special Committee,

Noting with satisfaction the cooperation and active participation of some administering Powers in the work of the Special Committee, as well as their continued readiness to receive United Nations visiting missions in the Territories under their administration,

Noting with concern the negative impact that the non-participation of certain administering Powers has had on the work of the Special Committee, depriving it of an important source of information on the Territories under their administration,

Aware of the pressing need of newly independent and emerging States for assistance from the United Nations and its system of organizations in the economic, social and other fields,

Aware also of the pressing need of the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, including in particular the small island Territories, for economic, social and other assistance from the United Nations and the organizations within its system,

Taking special note of the fact that the Special Committee held a Pacific regional seminar to review the situation in the Non-Self-Governing Territories, particularly their political evolution towards self-determination by the year 2000, at Nadi, Fiji, from 16 to 18 June 1998,[2]

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 1514 (XV) and all other resolutions on decolonization, including its resolution 43/47, in which it declared the decade that began in 1990 as the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, and calls upon the administering Powers, in accordance with those resolutions, to take all necessary steps to enable the peoples of the Territories concerned to exercise fully as soon as possible their right to self-determination, including independence;

2. *Affirms once again* that the continuation of colonialism in any form or manifestation, including economic exploitation, is incompatible with the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights[3] and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

3. *Reaffirms its determination* to continue to take all steps necessary to bring about the complete and speedy eradication of colonialism and the faithful observance by all States of the relevant provisions of the Charter, the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

4. *Affirms once again its support* for the aspirations of the peoples under colonial rule to exercise their right to self-determination, including independence;

5. *Approves* the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples covering its work during 1998, including the programme of work envisaged for 1999;[4]

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[2] See A/AC.109/2121.

[3] Resolution 217 A (III).

[4] A/53/23 (Part I), chap. I, sect. J. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 23*.

6. *Calls upon* all States, in particular the administering Powers, as well as the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, to give effect within their respective spheres of competence to the recommendations of the Special Committee for the implementation of the Declaration and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

7. *Calls upon* the administering Powers to ensure that foreign economic activities in the Non-Self-Governing Territories under their administration are directed to assist the peoples of those Territories in the exercise of their right to self-determination;

8. *Takes note* of the decision of some of the administering Powers to close or reduce some of the military bases in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

9. *Calls upon* the administering Powers to eliminate the remaining military bases in the Non-Self-Governing Territories in compliance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and urges them not to involve those Territories in any offensive acts or interference against other States;

10. *Urges* all States, directly and through their action in the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to provide moral and material assistance to the peoples of colonial Territories, and requests that the administering Powers, in consultation with the Governments of the Territories under their administration, take steps to enlist and make effective use of all possible assistance, on both a bilateral and a multilateral basis, in the strengthening of the economies of those Territories;

11. *Requests* the Special Committee to continue to seek suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of the Declaration and to carry out those actions approved by the General Assembly regarding the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism in all Territories that have not yet exercised their right to self-determination, including independence, and in particular:

(a) To formulate specific proposals for the elimination of the remaining manifestations of colonialism and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

(b) To continue to examine the implementation by Member States of resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions on decolonization;

(c) To continue to pay special attention to the small Territories, in particular through the dispatch of regular visiting missions, and to recommend to the General Assembly the most suitable steps to be taken to enable the populations of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination and independence;

(d) To take all necessary steps to enlist worldwide support among Governments, as well as national and international organizations, for the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration and the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

12. *Calls upon* the administering Powers to continue to cooperate with the Special Committee in the discharge of its mandate and to receive visiting missions to the Territories to secure first-hand information and to ascertain the wishes and aspirations of their inhabitants;

13. *Also calls upon* the administering Powers that have not participated in the work of the Special Committee to do so at its 1999 session;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to provide economic, social and other assistance to the Non-

Self-Governing Territories and to continue to do so, as appropriate, after they exercise their right to self-determination, including independence;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the facilities and services required for the implementation of the present resolution, as well as of the other resolutions and decisions on decolonization adopted by the General Assembly and the Special Committee.

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Agenda item 20 (a)
Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution

Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/182 of 19 December 1991, 51/194 of 17 December 1996 and 52/168 of 16 December 1997 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/56 of 28 July 1995,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations,[1]

Welcoming the progress made by the Emergency Relief Coordinator and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in strengthening the coordination of humanitarian assistance of the United Nations,

1. *Welcomes* the first humanitarian affairs segment of the Economic and Social Council held during its substantive session of 1998 and agreed conclusions 1998/1 adopted at that session;[2]

[1] A/53/139–E/1998/67.

[2] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/53/3).

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2. *Calls upon* relevant organizations of the United Nations system, Governments and non-governmental organizations to cooperate with the Secretary-General and the Emergency Relief Coordinator to ensure timely implementation of and follow-up to agreed conclusions 1998/1;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, through the 1999 session of the Economic and Social Council, on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, including the implementation of and follow-up to agreed conclusions 1998/1;

4. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to consider ways to further enhance the humanitarian segment of future sessions of the Economic and Social Council, as outlined in agreed conclusions 1998/1.

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Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution

Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

Addendum

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

Bangladesh, Greece and Guatemala.

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Agenda item 36
Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

The General Assembly,

Recalling the framework for cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe[1] signed on 26 May 1993, as well as its resolutions on cooperation between the two organizations,

Recalling also the declaration at the 1992 Helsinki Summit by the heads of State or Government of the participating States of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe of their understanding that the Conference is a regional arrangement in the sense of Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations and as such provides an important link between European and global security,[2]

Acknowledging the increasing contribution of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to the establishment and maintenance of international peace and security in its region through activities in early warning and preventive diplomacy, including through the activities of the High Commissioner on National Minorities of the Organization

[1] See A/48/185, annex II.
[2] See A/47/361–S/24370, annex.

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for Security and Cooperation in Europe, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation as well as arms control and disarmament,

Recalling the special ties between the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation, which have been further enhanced this year,

Underlining the continued importance of enhanced cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General;[3]

2. *Notes with appreciation* the further improvement of cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and its agencies and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, including at the level of activities in the field;

3. *Welcomes*, in this context, the participation of high-level United Nations representatives in the meetings of the Permanent Council of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the participation of that Organization in the third meeting of the Secretaries-General of the United Nations and regional organizations;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the conclusion by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Secretary-General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe of a memorandum of understanding on the enhancement of the cooperation between the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the secretariat of that Organization, the agreement on areas for enhanced cooperation between the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the agreement on cooperation between the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

5. *Welcomes* the invitation addressed to the United Nations and its agencies to contribute to the discussion on a platform for cooperative security as part of the Document-Charter on European Security being developed by the participating States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

6. *Encourages* further efforts of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to foster security and stability in its region through early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation, as referred to in the Summit Declaration adopted by the heads of State or Government of that Organization in Lisbon in 1996, as well as through continued promotion of democracy, the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms;

7. *Commends* the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe for its contribution to the implementation of Security Council resolution 1160 (1998) of 31 March 1998, including the contribution of the Chairman-in-Office of that Organization to the reports of the Secretary-General of the United Nations prepared pursuant to the resolution;

8. *Welcomes* the early establishment by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe of the Kosovo Verification Mission to verify the implementation of Security Council resolution 1199 (1998) of 23 September 1998, in accordance with Security Council resolution 1203 (1998) of 24 October 1998;

[3] A/53/672.

9. *Welcomes* the readiness of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to continue to fulfil the role assigned to it in the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina,[4] in cooperation with the United Nations, to which new elements have been added during 1998 in the fields of reform of the police, the judiciary and human rights;

10. *Fully supports* the continued provision by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe of advice and assistance within its field of experience to Albania, also by furnishing the overall framework for the Group of Friends of Albania, which brings together countries and international institutions that actively wish to support Albania in its development efforts, and by co-chairing the Group together with the European Union at the international level;

11. *Commends* the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe for the provision of civilian police monitors who have assumed the responsibilities of the United Nations Police Support Group in the Danubian region of Croatia;

12. *Fully supports* the activities of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to achieve a peaceful solution of the conflict dealt with by the Minsk Conference, and welcomes the cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in this regard;

13. *Welcomes* the cooperation between the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the United Nations in the peace process in Georgia, including through the Human Rights Office in Sukhumi;

14. *Fully supports* the efforts of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe aimed at achieving a settlement of the problems in the eastern zone of the Republic of Moldova, and welcomes the commitment of that Organization to facilitating the implementation of the relevant decisions of the Budapest and Lisbon Summits;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue exploring with the Chairman-in-Office and the Secretary-General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe possibilities for further enhancement of cooperation, information exchange and coordination between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe", and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a report on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in implementation of the present resolution.

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Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Addendum

Add the following country to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

Tajikistan.

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Azerbaijan: amendment to draft resolution A/53/L.60

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Replace operative paragraph 12 with the following:

"*Fully supports* the activities of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to achieve a peaceful solution to the conflict in and around the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and welcomes cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in this regard;"

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Agenda item 20
Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance

Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay: draft resolution

Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991 on the strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolutions 52/167 of 16 December 1997 on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and 52/126 of 12 December 1997 on the protection of United Nations personnel and taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1998/37 of 17 April 1998,[1]

Welcoming the agreed conclusions of the 1998 humanitarian affairs segment of the Economic and Social Council,[2]

[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1998, Supplement No. 3* (E/1998/23), chap. II, sect. A.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/53/3), chap. VII, agreed conclusions 1998/1.

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Concerned by the increasingly difficult context in which humanitarian assistance takes place in some areas, in particular the continuous erosion, in many cases, of respect for the principles and rules of international humanitarian law,

Welcoming the upcoming fiftieth anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949[3] as an opportunity to raise awareness for humanitarian issues, in particular the need to promote and respect and ensure respect for the principles and rules of international humanitarian law,

Deeply concerned by the growing number of complex humanitarian emergencies, in particular armed conflicts and post-conflict situations, in the past few years, which have dramatically increased the loss of human lives, suffering of victims and flows of refugees and internally displaced persons, as well as material destruction, which disrupt the development efforts of countries affected, in particular those of developing countries,

Taking note of the statements by the President of the Security Council of 19 June 1997[4] and 29 September 1998,[5] the report of the Secretary-General on protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations,[6] and the views expressed during the open debate at the 3932nd meeting of the Security Council on 29 September 1998, on protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations,

Welcoming the inclusion of attacks intentionally directed against personnel involved in a humanitarian assistance or peacekeeping mission in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations as a war crime in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, adopted on 17 July 1998,[7] and noting the role that the Court could play in bringing to justice those responsible for serious violations of international humanitarian law,

Commending the courage and commitment of those who take part in humanitarian operations, often at great personal risk,

Strongly deploring the rising toll of casualties among humanitarian personnel and United Nations personnel in complex humanitarian emergencies, in particular armed conflicts and post-conflict situations, and strongly condemning the acts of physical violence and harassment to which those participating in humanitarian operations are too frequently exposed,

Aware that humanitarian operations are generally implemented through close cooperation among Governments and the United Nations, its agencies and other international organizations, and Governments and non-governmental organizations,

Guided by the relevant provisions on protection contained in the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,[8] the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies[9] and the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel,[10]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies

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[3] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970–973.

[4] S/PRST/1997/34; see Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council, 1997.

[5] S/PRST/1998/30.

[6] S/1998/883.

[7] A/CONF.183/9.

[8] Resolution 22 A (I).

[9] Resolution 179 (II).

[10] Resolution 49/59, annex.

and related organizations: safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel";[11]

2. *Urges* all States to take the necessary measures to ensure the full and effective implementation of the relevant principles and rules of international humanitarian law, including those related to the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and United Nations personnel;

3. *Also urges* all States to take the necessary measures to ensure the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and United Nations personnel, to respect and ensure respect for the inviolability of United Nations premises, which are essential to the continuation and successful implementation of United Nations operations, and to ensure the speedy release of United Nations and other personnel carrying out activities in fulfilment of the mandate of a United Nations operation who have been arrested or detained in violation of their immunity, in accordance with the relevant conventions referred to in the present resolution and applicable international humanitarian law;

4. *Encourages* all States to become parties to and to fully respect the provisions of the relevant international instruments, including the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel;[10]

5. *Calls upon* all States to provide adequate and prompt information concerning the arrest or detention of humanitarian personnel and United Nations personnel, to allow independent medical teams to investigate the health of those detained, and to afford them the necessary medical assistance;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure full respect for the human rights, privileges and immunities of United Nations and other personnel carrying out activities in fulfilment of the mandate of a United Nations operation, to consider ways and means to strengthen the protection of United Nations and other personnel carrying out activities in fulfilment of the mandate of a United Nations operation, notably by seeking the inclusion, in negotiations of headquarters and other mission agreements concerning United Nations and associated personnel, of the applicable conditions contained in the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations,[8] the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies,[9] and the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures, falling within his responsibilities, to ensure that security matters are an integrated part of the planning for an operation and that such precautions extend to all United Nations and other personnel carrying out activities in fulfilment of the mandate of a United Nations operation;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure that United Nations and other personnel carrying out activities in fulfilment of the mandate of a United Nations operation are properly informed and suitably trained so as to enhance their security and effectiveness in accomplishing their functions;

9. *Calls upon* all States to consider signing and ratifying the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;[7]

10. *Strongly condemns* any act or failure to act which obstructs or prevents humanitarian personnel and United Nations personnel from discharging their humanitarian functions, or which entails their being subjected to threats, the use of force or physical attack frequently resulting in injury or death;

[11] A/53/501.

11. *Calls upon* all Governments and parties in complex humanitarian emergencies, in particular armed conflicts and post-conflict situations, in countries where humanitarian personnel are operating, in conformity with the relevant provisions of international law and national laws, to cooperate fully with the United Nations and other humanitarian agencies and organizations and to ensure the safe and unhindered access of humanitarian personnel in order to allow them to perform efficiently their task of assisting the affected civilian population, including refugees and internally displaced persons;

12. *Reaffirms* the necessity for humanitarian personnel and United Nations personnel to be properly informed, *inter alia*, by their sponsoring organizations of the scope of their activities and the standards that they are required to meet, including those contained in relevant domestic and international law, and suitably trained so as to enhance their security and effectiveness in accomplishing their functions;

13. *Reaffirms* the necessity for all humanitarian personnel to respect the national laws of the countries in which they are operating;

14. *Urges* all States to ensure that any threat or act of violence committed against humanitarian personnel on their territory is fully investigated and to take all appropriate measures, in accordance with international law and national legislation, to ensure that the perpetrators of such acts are prosecuted;

15. *Welcomes* the establishment by the Secretary-General of the Trust Fund for Security of personnel of the United Nations system in the field and encourages all States to contribute to the Trust Fund;

16. *Notes* the discussions on the respect for and security of humanitarian personnel at the first periodical meeting on international humanitarian law, held at Geneva in January 1998, and of the report of the President of that meeting;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session on the safety and security situation of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel and measures to be taken to improve it, taking into account the views of Governments, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee, other relevant humanitarian actors, and the United Nations Security Coordinator.

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Addendum

Add the following countries to the list of sponsors of the draft resolution:

Guatemala and Panama.

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